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To Whom it May Concern:

I have been getting my hormone replacement therapy for the Women's International Pharmacy (WIP) in Wisconsin for several years. I have tried to find another pharmacy in my state that could compound my prescription. At one time I was a Medica Insurance carrier and they did not use the WIP. The drug I was on was a covered drug by the insurance company but the only pharmacy that would compound it for me gave me ½ a prescription and said it was for a whole month. It lasted me 2 weeks. I could not convince them it was ½ an RX. They insisted it was a full dose. I used the same tool to measure as from the WIP and it was ½ a dose. I ended up paying for a covered prescription for about 8 months. I was paying insurance premiums and could not get my covered drug made. Please do not take away the opportunity for me to continue with this prescription. It is something I will have to take indefinitely. I have always been pleased with the WIP. Please amend the MOU to allow me to continue using the pharmacy of my choice. This is a very important issue for me.

Sincerely,

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